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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

No fees are believed to be required. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to Storage Technology Corporation Deposit Account No. 19-4545. A one month extension of time is believed to be necessary. Please charge the \$110.00 fee for the one month extension of time to Storage Technology Corporation Deposit Account No. 19-4545. No additional extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an additional extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to Storage Technology Corporation Deposit Account No. 19-4545.

In response to the Office Action dated May 13, 2004, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Listing of Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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